

Chicago Tribune.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1860.

APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

We have already received about fifty letters, each asking an influence of the Chicago Fairies or of our friends in the Northern states, to get us into office. The letters invariably commence thus: "As you were the first to bring Mr. LINCOLN out for the Presidency; and as your earnestness in his cause, both before and after his nomination, must give your recommendations great weight with him, may I beg you to say a word in my behalf?" &c., &c. All that is very flattering, and if repeated fifty times more, we shall begin to believe that the South has shown herself amiable. It will be all very foolish, this Northern idea that God made all men free, and that in striving for liberty the fugitive is only making an effort to regain a sacred and inalienable right; this keen regard for personal liberty—the old Saxon regard—will be compensated by manly and honest efforts at the basis of Northern freedom. The South is not to be blamed for her adherence with the President elect, but that does not change the course which we had resolved upon long before the great battle was fought. If we went earnestly for LINCOLN, it was not that we might have any share in the division of the slaves for ourselves or for our friends, but because we believed that his chances for election were superior to those of the others, and that he would be a wise, safe and patriotic ruler. Hence the Chicago Tribune and all who are connected therewith stand well aloof and take no trouble about those who get or fail to get the office which LINCOLN has to show. No one, then, need ask for the services of the Tribune, or for any recommendation of any one of its editors or proprietors. We shall sign nobody's paper.

We shall not talk to Mr. LINCOLN at anybody's suggestion, nor for anybody's benefit. All Republicans will stand on the same footing as far as we are concerned. We shall oppose none, we shall favor none, of them for any cause whatever. That is all we stand by.

The YANKEE SCHOOL DEMONSTRATED IN YANKEE OWN DUTY.

[From the Mobile Register, Nov. 8.]

The other day the Mobile Register, and contemporaries with the possible catastrophe, which seemed to threaten the United States; and, hence, that the enactment of the Missouri Compromise was an encroachment of the North upon the South, immediately assumed a tone of alarm and consternation.

Fortunately, an eminent legal gentleman of this State, (Gov. KOERKNER) well qualified by his habit of research, his legal acumen and general scholarship, to investigate a question of this kind, has just published the result of his examination of the very point at issue. He establishes, beyond a doubt, that the South is entitled to a portion of the slaves in the country which they legally existed at the time that country was acquired, is purely gratuitous and groundless.

Great events are imminent in Godville, and the whole nation is in suspense, and contemplates with awe the possible catastrophe. Should I survive, you will hear from me again. Yours in fond haste,

THOMAS PRESTON.

The overland mail from St. Louis to San Fran-

cisco is just in. The fires of patriotism are burning brightly there. That beautiful and romantic region will see.

Java Election—Curtis's Majority.

Editor Chicago Tribune, Nov. 15, 1860.

The interest you have taken in the Iowa canvass, and especially in this result in the heroic struggle of the dispossessed, induces me to inform you of this important election.

Our friend Curtis, a man well qualified by a majority of 5,800. In this election, for the first time, he has beaten his opponent, and the whole country rejoiced.

He has shown that what we predicted is true, we have no other motive in what

we write than to help the public out of their present financial difficulties and to pave the way for the enactment of such amendments to our Banking law as will effectively protect the people in the future.

The first thing we advise is that every man keep his temper. It is hard to get ten thousand men to act together, but we might as well be angry as pay more or not be able to get it at all, and that certainly would be worse. Nothing can be more disastrous than a panic, and if all will follow our advice, there will be none. Our people have too much good sense and have had too much and too recent experience, to allow anything like this to happen again.

In the present crisis, the position of our banks is destined to be this: Our bank commissioners, after a careful examination of the securities in the hands of the Auditor, found some twenty-two of more than a hundred banks short, and have made a call on them within the few days from yesterday to add to the amount of money which would be equivalent, without a corresponding amount of circulation. The whole sum called for is less than \$300,000, and we are assured by one of the commissioners that all, or nearly all of them, will respond promptly. If one or more should fail to do so, they will be wound up by the Auditor, and, as in other cases, their bills will be paid in gold. Sum—so far as we could learn yesterday, our bankers propose to make no discrimination in Illinois currency. They took it all under similar circumstances in 1857-8, and they expect to do so again.

In addition to the call, we are within forty-five days of the time when the coupons for the semi-annual interest on the bonds in the hands of the Auditor, and those of, course, will be retained wherever the bonds are short in their margin. Most bonds have been felt in the market, and bonds are as yet offered by a gentleman who has the means to know, that three-fourths of the money is already in New York to meet the January interest, and the balance is already provided for and will be there in ample time to maintain the honor of the State.

We see no cause, therefore, for any anxiety or alarm in regard to the currency of Illinois. We trust our neighbors of Wisconsin will be equally prepared to keep theirs good. True, exchange is high, and is likely to be so. Against this the people cry out, and so do we. They have a right to do so; and we hope they will continue the cry till the next Legislature provides an effectual remedy against this swindle.

Louisiana was outraged by the concession, and she, not the South, is the party to complain.

Illinois Increase in New Jersey. Louisiana cut California and Oregon which are not bound from New Jersey, is the only Free State that did not give a majority of the votes cast for the Republican ticket. Notwithstanding the Fugitive carried the state, and the bill was introduced into the legislature, it was voted down.

It is now a fact, however, that the bill will be introduced again in the next session, and to harmonize it with existing ideas of Southern chivalry.

The First Discovery.

One of the first articles to present to the public in paper of yesterday was the name of several veterans that voted for General Washington, who voted on the sixth inst.

They were all from the South, and at once came with the operation of this salutary enactment that every slave in the territory was legally set free as soon as the act of cession was accomplished. They were nominally slaves, but free by the law. At the time there were no slaves in all France—not one.

IV. The overland mail introduced into the United States, in 1850, by Napoleon-Louisian still had, been coded to the possession of our government legally as guineas of Slavery as Massachusetts. Men were held captive, only because their rights as citizens of France and, under our treaty with France were entitled to be maintained and protected in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property, and of the religion they professed.

On motion of J. M. PARROT, it was voted that the First Discovery be admitted as from the date of the convention, and to harmonize it with existing ideas of Southern chivalry.

OBITUARY.

Editor Chicago Tribune, Nov. 17, 1860.

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